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The Honorable John Conyers, Jr.
Ranking Minority Member
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Conyers:

This responds to your letter dated June 2, 2004, to the Attorney General expressing your concern with what you have described as "the ongoing investigation of allegations that Pentagon officials have engaged in criminal wrongdoing in their handling of classified material." We apologize for our delay in responding to your letter.

Consistent with long-standing Department policy, we can neither confirm nor deny the existence of particular matters or investigations, nor can we discuss the status of any matter that may be pending in a United States Attorney's Office. Please be assured, however, that every United States Attorney's Office takes allegations of criminal conduct very seriously and carefully reviews any investigative evidence to support such allegations in light of the *Principles of Federal Prosecution*.

We appreciate your interest in this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact the Department of Justice if we can be assistance in other matters.

Sincerely,

William E. Moschella
Assistant Attorney General

cc: The Honorable F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr.
Chairman